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Expelled? Iowa Professor Suggests Intelligent Design, Denied Tenure

Iowa State University Receives Campus Outrage Award

Ames, Iowa – The Collegiate Network has awarded Iowa State University (ISU) the **2008 Campus Outrage Award** for classroom bias. Professor Guillermo Gonzalez, professor of Physics & Astronomy, was denied tenure due to his 2004 co-authored book, *The Privileged Planet*, which suggests Intelligent Design *might* be responsible for life on Earth. Although he never taught Intelligent Design in class, when Gonzalez applied for tenure in 2007, he was denied.

Gonzalez had 68 peer-reviewed articles published and co-authored an astronomy textbook, which was well beyond the department standard at ISU. While his colleagues questioned Intelligent Design, they heartily approved of another ISU professor, Hector Alvalos, who drew parallels between Mein Kampf and the Bible. In 2007, 91% of tenure applications were approved, Professor Alvalos being one of them, while Professor Gonzalez was denied.

"As pointed out in Ben Stein's new documentary, *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*, "if professors value their careers, they will keep their mouths shut," says Doug Schneider, Director of The Collegiate Network. "This is the perfect example of liberal bias and political correctness ruining the day on college campuses."

Iowa State University is among five winners announced by the Collegiate Network. Winning entries were chosen from a number of nominees submitted to the Collegiate Network describing outrageous events, totalitarian student groups, and intolerant administrators. The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$1,000 and the four other prize winners will each take home \$500. The student and/or student publication who nominates the outrage receives the award and the prize money.

The 2007 Campus Outrage Awards winners are: 1) Duke University; 2) University of Delaware; 3) Indiana University – Purdue University, Indianapolis 4) The College of William & Mary 5) Iowa State University. A detailed description of each award is available upon request.

The Collegiate Network focuses public awareness on the politicization of American college and university classrooms, curricula, student life, and the resulting decline of educational standards. Since 1995, the Collegiate Network has been administered by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute. www.ISI.org.

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